

State of Utah

Department of **Natural Resources**

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Inspection Report

Permit Number:	C0150019				
Inspection Type:	COMPLETE				
Inspection Date:	Tuesday, September 20, 2005				
Start Date/Time:	9/20/2005 8:30:00 AM				
End Date/Time:	9/20/2005 11:30:00 AM				
Last Inspection:	Monday, June 27, 2005				

Inspector: Pete Hess, Environmental Scientist III

Weather: Sunny, Clear

InspectionID Report Number: 727

9/28/2005

Accepted by: whedberg

Permitee: PACIFICORP

Operator: ENERGY WEST MINING CO

Site: COTTONWOOD/ WILBERG

Address: PO BOX 310, HUNTINGTON UT 84528

County: **EMERY**

Permit Type: PERMANENT COAL PROGRAM

Permit Status: ACTIVE

Current Acreages

Total Permitted	6,886.88
Total Disturbed	62.82
Phase I	
Phase II	
Phase III	

Types of Operations Mineral Ownership

✓ Federal	Underground
State	Surface
☐ County	Loadout
✓ Fee	Processing
Other	Reprocessing

Report summary and status for pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments:

There are no compliance actions currently pending for the Cottonwood / Wilberg Mine permit area.

The site remains in temporary cessation status.

The Permittee continues to submit surface and ground water monitoring information in an electronic form on a quarterly basis to the Division web site.

Inspector's Signature

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Pete Hess, Environmental Scientist III Inspector ID Number: 46

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

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REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
 a. For COMPLETE inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check Not Applicable.
 - b. For PARTIAL inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- 2. Document any noncompliance situation by reference the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performace standard listed below.
 Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Divison Orders, and amendments.

		Evaluated	Not Applicable	Comment	Enforcement
1.	Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale	✓		\checkmark	
2.	Signs and Markers	✓		✓	
3.	Topsoil	✓			
4.a	Hydrologic Balance: Diversions	✓			
4.b	Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments	✓		✓	
4.c	Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures	✓		✓	
4.d	Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring	✓		✓	
4.e	Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations	✓			
5.	Explosives		✓		
6.	Disposal of Excess Spoil, Fills, Benches		✓		
7.	Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments	✓		✓	
8.	Noncoal Waste	✓			
9.	Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues	✓			
10.	Slides and Other Damage	✓		✓	
11.	Contemporaneous Reclamation		✓		
12.	Backfilling And Grading		~		
13.	Revegetation	✓		✓	
14.	Subsidence Control	✓			
15.	Cessation of Operations		✓		
16.8	a Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing	✓		✓	
16.k	Roads: Drainage Controls	✓		✓	
17.	Other Transportation Facilities	✓			
18.	Support Facilities, Utility Installations	✓		✓	
19.	AVS Check	✓			
20.	Air Quality Permit	~			
21.	Bonding and Insurance	✓			
22.	Other	~		✓	

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1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale

The Permittee anticipates submitting a Phase I bond release application for the 9th East portals of the Deer Creek Mine in the near future. This reclaimed area is up Canyon of the Wilberg Mine fan location; three post-SMCRA portals were backfilled. A pre-SMCRA portal also existed outside of the disturbed area. This has also been reclaimed.

2. Signs and Markers

The Permittee has installed new delineators about the five vegetation reference areas associated with the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine. The markers are red in color, with yellow reflective tape marked "reference area", and are constructed of fiberglass.

4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments

The Permittee's qualified representatives inspected the three impoundments associated with the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine for the second quarter of 2005 on June 30th. There were no signs of instability or other hazards noted, for the waste rock pond, or the North or South ponds. The Annual Impoundment certification for the ponds was completed by Mr. John Christensen, P.E., on July 22, 2005. All ponds have sediment storage capacity remaining. There is an eight to ten inch gulley below the twelve-inch CMP located on the SW corner of the South pond. The Permittee intends to hand- place rock in this gully to minimize further erosion in this diversion. The pond at the waste rock site was dry.

4.c Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures

There are several rock gabions along the County road in Cottonwood Canyon which are in need of cleaning. Mr. Davis is aware that these are high maintenance items, as they had been cleaned by the Permittee's contractor prior to the onset of the August events.

4.d Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring

The water fall was flowing this day.

7. Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments

Messrs. John Christensen, P.E. and Rick Cullum, registered land surveyor, performed the second quarter 2005 waste rock pile inspections for the active site as well as the reclaimed waste rock site on June 30, 2005. The reclaimed site is at capacity and has been resoiled and revegetated. The active site is idle, with the exception of the final disposal of sediment pond cleanout material from the Trail Mountain, Cottonwood/Wilberg, and Des-Bee-Dove ponds. There were no signs of instability or other hazardous conditions reported by the Permittee's qualified persons. There were no compliance infractions noted today. The Permittee has graded the road on the east side of the active waste rock site such that it drains toward its inside edge (I.e., toe of the bank). The silt fence located on the southern end has been cleaned out, and the material has been replaced.

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10. Slides and Other Damage

See comment under section 16a, Roadways / Maintenance / Surfacing.

13. Revegetation

The revegetation of the reclaimed waste rock site is flourishing. 2005 has been a good year for the reestablishment of vegetation in reclaimed areas. As noted above, the Permittee intends to apply for a Phase I bond release for the Deer Creek Mine 9th East Portals. The revegetation of that area appears to be better than average, and this individual feels that the Permittee should apply for Phase III. A phased bond release application for the Cottonwood Fan Portal reclamation will also be submitted.

16.a Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing

The elevated roadway east of the coal truck loading bin is failing, (main facilities area). The galvanized, corrugated support structure has deteriorated to the point that piping water has washed the backfilled material though several holes. This, in turn, is causing the roadway surface to creep; the asphalt has significant cracks, which in turn allow surface runoff to wet and erode the roadbase, reducing its strength. Of the nine panels which are failing, five are severe. The failures are due to the rotting through of the galvanized steel.

16.b Roads: Drainage Controls

The ditch on the east side of the elevated roadway east of the bin wall needs to have the rock debris removed from it to return it to design capacity. This is a high maintenance ditch, due to its close proximity to a cut bank.

18. Support Facilities, Utility Installations

All electrical power at the site has been deenergized.

22. Other

All guarding barring access at the portals remains intact.